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September 13, 2005

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DEVICE, SYSTEM AND METHOD

RE: REPLY TO AUGUST 9, 2005 OFFICE ACTION FOR: SERIAL NUMBER 10/065,683; ART UNIT 2882; FILED 11/8/2002; EXAMINER: CHIH CHENG G. KAO TITLE: IONIC PRE-CONCENTRATION XRF IDENTIFICATION AND ANALYSIS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find a detailed sixty-seven (67) page reply to the above-referenced office action.

This reply is timely filed, and although two claims are added, these replace previously-cancelled claims. No fees are due.

By and with this reply, I hereby request further examination and consideration of this application, with the amendments submitted, described and supported herein.

Very Truly Yours,

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Examiner: Chih Cheng G. Kao

Title of Invention: Ionic Pre-concentration XRF Detection and

Analysis Device, System and Method

Inventor: Keville et al.

DETAILED REPLY TO AUGUST 9, 2005 OFFICE ACTION

Following is a detailed reply to the above-referenced office action.

5 REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW BEFORE SUBSEQUENT OFFICE ACTION

If the amendments submitted and described herein do not result in the full allowance of this case, applicants' counsel hereby respectfully requests a telephone interview with examiner Chih Cheng G. Kao, following receipt of this reply, and prior to issuance of any further office action.